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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: Tao, *et al.*
SERIAL NUMBER: 09/830,524 EXAMINER : Michael C. Wilson
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FOR: Cell Surface Molecule-Induced Macrophage Activation

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Boston, Massachusetts

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This is a response to the February 11, 2003 Office Action (Paper 7) in the above-identified application. With no extension, a response to the pending Office Action is due March 11, 2003. Applicants believe that no fees are required for the present paper. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Reference No. 19141-543 NATL (NTUSA-43 NATL)).

REMARKS

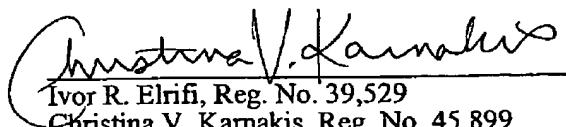
In response to the outstanding Office Action, Applicants elect Group VII, claim 30, drawn to a method of delivering a biologically active molecule to a patient using a composition comprising a capsule having (i) a core comprising transformed cells having a polynucleotide encoding an immunostimulatory cell surface protein operably linked to a promoter, wherein said immunostimulatory cell surface protein is capable of stimulating an immune response in a host; and (ii) a jacket comprising a permselective membrane surrounding the core.

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CONCLUSION

If there are any questions regarding this election, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below.

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